

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: FUJISAWA, Chihiro et al.

Serial No.: 09/813,998

Filed: March 22, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: YUAN, DAH WEID

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2676

For: NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:


	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	7	20	=		X \$9	X \$18	
Independent Claims	7	3	=	4	X \$42	X \$84	336.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					\$140	280	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:							\$ 336.00

XX Enclosed please find our check in the amount of **\$336.00** for the additional claims fee in connection with this amendment.

XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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In response to the Office Action dated **March 18, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A nickel electrode for an alkaline storage battery, comprising:
a conductive porous member; and
an active material with which the conductive porous member is filled, the active material including (a) a main active material layer substantially made of nickel hydroxide, the main active material layer containing cobalt in a state of a solid solution, and (b) a compound layer that contains at least one element selected from the group consisting of calcium, aluminum, strontium, scandium,